

# **LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION**



## **TO BUILD A BETTER SCHOOL**

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## **Little Hoover Commission**



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# **To Promote Economy and Efficiency**

The Little Hoover Commission, formally known as the Milton Marks “Little Hoover” Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy, is an independent state oversight agency.

By statute, the Commission is a bipartisan board composed of five public members appointed by the Governor, four public members appointed by the Legislature, two Senators and two Assemblymembers.

In creating the Commission in 1962, the Legislature declared its purpose:

*...to secure assistance for the Governor and itself in promoting economy, efficiency and improved services in the transaction of the public business in the various departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the executive branch of the state government, and in making the operation of all state departments, agencies and instrumentalities, and all expenditures of public funds, more directly responsive to the wishes of the people as expressed by their elected representatives...*

The Commission fulfills this charge by listening to the public, consulting with the experts and conferring with the wise. In the course of its investigations, the Commission typically empanels advisory committees, conducts public hearings and visits government operations in action.

Its conclusions are submitted to the Governor and the Legislature for their consideration. Recommendations often take the form of legislation, which the Commission supports through the legislative process.

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# LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION MEMBERS

**CHAIRMAN RICHARD R. TERZIAN** (*R-Los Angeles*) Originally appointed to the Commission by Governor George Deukmejian in May 1986. Reappointed by Governor Pete Wilson in March 1994 and in March 1998. Partner in the law firm of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae. Chairman of the Commission since March 1994. Served as Vice Chairman from 1992 to 1994.

**VICE CHAIRMAN MICHAEL E. ALPERT** (*D-Coronado*) Originally appointed to the Little Hoover Commission by Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown, Jr. in May 1994. Reappointed by the Senate Rules Committee in August 1997. Retired partner in the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. Former Chief Deputy Commissioner of the California Department of Corporations.

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER BILL CAMPBELL** (*R-Villa Park*) Appointed to the Little Hoover Commission by Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa in January 1999. Elected to the 71<sup>st</sup> State Assembly District in 1996. Vice Chair of the Assembly Education Committee.

**CARL COVITZ** (*R-Los Angeles*) Appointed to the Little Hoover Commission by Governor Pete Wilson in October 1993. Reappointed in March 1996. Owner and President of Landmark Capital, Inc. Served as Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency from 1991 to 1993 and Undersecretary for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development from 1987 to 1989.

**DANIEL W. HANCOCK** (*D-Milpitas*) Appointed to the Little Hoover Commission by Assembly Speaker Cruz Bustamante in July 1997. President of Shape II Industries of Northern California since 1985.

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER SALLY HAVICE** (*D-Cerritos*) Appointed to the Little Hoover Commission by Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa in April 1998. Elected to the 56<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District in 1996. Chair of the Assembly International Trade & Development Committee.

**GARY H. HUNT** (*R-Corona del Mar*) Appointed to the Little Hoover Commission by Governor Pete Wilson in March 1998. Executive vice president of corporate affairs and administration for The Irvine Company.

**SENATOR CHARLES S. POGGIO** (*R-Fresno*) Appointed to the Little Hoover Commission by Assembly Speaker Curt Pringle in March 1996. Reappointed by Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa in November 1997, and reappointed by the Senate Rules Committee in February 1999. Elected to the 14<sup>th</sup> State Senate District in 1998. Vice Chair of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee.

**H. ERIC SCHOCKMAN** (*D-Sherman Oaks*) Appointed to the Little Hoover Commission by Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa in January 2000. Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Southern California. Former administrator and consultant to the California State Assembly and to the City Council of Los Angeles.

**SENATOR JOHN VASCONECELLO** (*D-Santa Clara*) Appointed to the Little Hoover Commission by the Senate Rules Committee in February 1997. Elected to the 13<sup>th</sup> State Senate District in 1996 after serving in the Assembly for 30 years. Chair of the Senate Public Safety Committee, the Subcommittee on Aging and Long-Term Care, and the Select Committee on Economic Development.

**SEAN WALSH** (*R-Sacramento*) Appointed to the Little Hoover Commission by Governor Pete Wilson in December 1998. Former Deputy Chief of Staff, Communications & Press for Governor Wilson.

**STANLEY R. ZAX** (*I-Beverly Hills*) Appointed to the Little Hoover Commission by the Senate Rules Committee in March 1994. Reappointed in January 1998. Chairman and President of Zenith Insurance Company.

**STANLEY M. ZIMMERMAN** (*D-Beverly Hills*) Appointed to the Commission by Governor Gray Davis in January 2000. President of Home Budget Loans in Los Angeles, escrow officer for DEC Finance, and involved with Mortgage Mart, Inc., a property management firm.

“Democracy itself is a process of change, and satisfaction and complacency are enemies of good government.”

*Governor Edmund G. “Pat” Brown,  
addressing the inaugural meeting of the Little Hoover Commission,  
April 24, 1962, Sacramento, California*

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